

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 5-7 and 24 as follows:

1. A medical drape comprising:
- a backing layer having a first surface and a second surface, where projecting from the first surface of the backing layer is an array of stems;
- wherein at least a portion of the exterior surface of the stems comprises an elastomeric material selected from the group consisting of anionic triblock copolymers; thermoplastic elastomers based on halogen-containing polyolefins; thermoplastic elastomers based on dynamically vulcanized elastomer-thermoplastic blends; thermoplastic polyether ester and polyester based elastomers; thermoplastic elastomers based on polyamides or polyimides; ionomeric thermoplastic elastomers; hydrogenated block copolymers in thermoplastic elastomer interpenetrating polymer networks; thermoplastic elastomers made by carbocationic polymerization; polymer blends containing styrene/hydrogenated butadiene block copolymers; polyacrylate-based thermoplastic elastomers; natural rubbers; butyl rubbers; EPDM rubbers; silicone rubbers; polyisoprenes; polybutadienes; polyurethanes; ethylene/propylene/diene terpolymer elastomers; chloroprene rubbers; random and block styrene-butadiene copolymers; random and block styrene-isoprene copolymers; acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers; and mixtures and copolymers thereof;
- wherein the aspect ratio of the stems on the first surface of the backing layer is at least about 1.25; and
- wherein the drape has a static coefficient of friction when dry along at least a portion of the first surface is at least 0.6.

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5. The medical drape of claim 1 wherein the static coefficient of friction when wet is within 20 percent of the static coefficient of friction when dry.

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6. The medical drape of claim 1 wherein the static coefficient of friction when wet is within 80 percent of the static coefficient of friction when dry.

7. The medical drape of claim 1 wherein the static coefficient of friction when wet is within 90 percent of the static coefficient of friction when dry.

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24. A medical drape comprising:
a backing layer having a first surface and a second surface, where projecting from the first surface of the backing layer is an array of stems;
wherein the aspect ratio of the stems on the first surface of the backing layer is at least about 1.25; and
wherein the drape has a static coefficient of friction when dry along at least a portion of the first surface is at least 0.6.

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Please cancel claims 4, 21 and 22 without prejudice.

Remarks

Applicants amend claims 1, 5-7 and 24 and cancel claims 4, 21 and 22 to more completely claim the present invention and to expedite prosecution. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification as filed, including the documents and references cited and incorporated therein.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 4-7 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants